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NRO - CIA Role  
Wheelon to DCI McCone

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Subj: Secretary Gilpatric's Proposal for NRP Review Committee

I do not know background of it --gather McMillan had a hand in drafting it.

Do not believe it represents DCI's view of agreement reached regarding controls over NRO at meeting with Gilpatric:

Namely, that DCI and Gilpatric would meet regularly to provide policy guidance to McMillan as DNRO and review the over-all NRP as the stock-owning directors.

Fubini and Wheelon to work with NRO more frequently and at the technical level Fubini representing McNamara and Wheelon representing DCI.

The new proposal in fact would subordinate Fubini and Wheelon to McMillan, when their purpose was to provide constructive inquiry and criticism of McMillan's program.

The new proposal gives a very circumscribed charter to the proposed review committee and does not include such things as management change procedures--investigation of the health of going programs, such as CORONA J--which is certainly part of my responsibility in supporting you.

"5. I believe that these deficiencies have not escaped McMillan. Being the kind of autocratic manager he is, it is understandable that he is not anxious to have a pair of overseers. However, his record to date shows that this is just what he needs and you will only negate that by signing this directive in hand. I suggest that you call Gilpatric back indicating that the meetings already seem to be well started and that no structuring or chartering is needed or desirable.

(signed)

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DD/S&T

**NRO review(s) completed.**